[*Translation*]

Agreement Regarding Shares from Power Project

1618. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab is pressurising the Government of Rajasthan to rescind the agreement of 1984 regarding the share of Rajasthan in the power projects located in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH PAI): (a) The Government of Punjab have requested that the Agreement reached on 10th May, 1984 between the States of Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab regarding a Reference to be made to the Supreme Court to determine whether Haryana and Rajasthan have a share in the power generated from certain hydro-electric projects in Punjab be examined afresh by Government of India. The Government of Rajasthan have responded to the proposal of Government of Punjab by reiterating their request for the implementation of the Inter-State Agreement of 10th May, 1984.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

[*English*]

Legislation to Regulate Lotteries

1619. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any legislation has been enacted or is proposed to be brought before parliament to regulate lotteries under the Central or State Government to check the conversion of 'black money' into 'white money' through lotteries; and

(b) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). No legislation has been enacted by the Union Government to regulate lotteries covered under entry 40 of the Union List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Private lotteries coming under entry 34 of the State List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution are permitted only by the State governments according to their law and regulations.

The Central Government have issued detailed guidelines for the conduct of the state lotteries and lotteries permitted by the State governments.

[*Translation*]

Foreign Tours by Ministers

1620. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government of India goes on a holiday" appearing in the Indian Express on October 17, 1991;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred in terms of foreign exchange on the visits abroad by the various Ministers separately and their

personal staff after the 1st Session of 10th Lok Sabha; and

(c) the name of the countries and the purpose of their visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The news-item has been seen.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Increase in Domestic Fuel

1621. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for increasing the domestic production of fuel both conventional and non-conventional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): Government has taken number of steps for increasing the domestic production of conventional and non-conventional fuels. For harnessing of non-conventional energy sources with a view to increase availability and conservation of fuel, research and development, demonstration and dissemination efforts are ongoing in the areas of Solar Energy, Biomass, Biogas, Improved Chulhas etc. Under the disemination programmes 107.30 lakh Impvoed Chulhas, 14.53 lakh biogas plants, 1.99 lakh solar cookers and 0.20 lakh different types of Solar Thermal Systems have been installed throughout the country.

For increasing green cover and production of woodfuel Government has taken up a programme on afforestation under the 20 Point Programme and during the Seventh Five Year Plan period alone afforestation over 8.8 million hectares has been carried out. R&D efforts are also underway to maximise productivity of fuelwood species per unit area per unit time aiming at developing a package of practice for potential fast growing fuelwood species suitable for plantation under a given set of agro-climatic conditions.

In order to meet the domestic fuel requirement, Government has started a mission to set up 1000 Special Smokeless Fuel units/ briquetting plants based on coal at the rate of 2 per District. Coal linkage for these units would be provided by the coal companies. 100 coal dumps are also proposed to be set up in different parts of the country for increasing total availability to domestic and small consumers.

Efforts are being made to increase the indigenous production of crude oil to around 47 million tonnes per annum by the year 1996-97 as against the current production of around 33 million tonnes per annum. It is also proposed to increase the production of natural gas to around 83 million cu.mtrs. per day by the year 1996-97 as against the current production of about 49 million cu.mtrs per day.

[*Translation*]

Free Advertisements for Handicrafts through Government Media

1622. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide free advertisement through Government media like Doordarshan for items produced by handicraft artisans and small scale industries;